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SUBJECT: SFM WEEKLY SUMMARY

1. THE WEEK OF AUGUST 13-19 WAS QUIET. ON AUGUST 15 THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR RETURNED FROM CAIRO, WHERE WE MET WITH THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR, AND MAJOR GENERAL ELKATEB. THE DIRECTOR LEAVES FOR CAIRO ON AUGUST 19. SFM HAD 15 MILITARY VISITORS DURING THE WEEK, NINE FROM GHANBATT AND SIX FROM UNTSO (SEPTTEL).

2. OPERATIONS

A) BEDOUINS WERE SIGHTED BY THE RISS CAMERA ON TWO OCCASIONS THIS WEEK. ON AUGUST 13 ONE BEDOUIN WAS OBSERVED MOVING AWAY FROM THE CAMERA SITE. ON AUGUST 17 TWO MORE BEDOUIN WERE SIGHTED, ONE ARMED WITH A RIFLE. THE ARMED BEDOUIN FIRED THE WEAPON AT WHAT APPEARED TO BE AN ANIMAL. ON BOTH OCCASIONS GHANBATT DISPATCHED PATROLS WITHIN FIVE MINUTES OF NOTIFICATION FROM CP GOLF BUT MADE NO CONTACT WITH THE INTRUDERS.

B) SFM PERSONNEL AT THE MITLA EAST WATCH STATION ASSISTED THE GHANIAN SECURITY GUARDS IN EXTINGUISHING A TENT
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FIRE ON AUGUST 16.

C) ON AUGUST 18, SFM WAS INFORMED BY THE UN THAT A UN HELICOPTER OBSERVED TWO ARMED BEDOUIN DRESSED IN KHAKI PANTS AND INTERNATIONAL ORANGE SHIRTS APPROXIMATELY 10 KILOMETER EAST

OF MITLA WEST WATCH STATION. SFM DIRECTOR REQUESTED FURTHER INFORMATION FROM UN AND ASKED THAT GHANBATT INCREASE THEIR PATROLS. SFM GUARDS AND WATCH STATIONS HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO BE ESPECIALLY ALERT.

3. ADMINISTRATION

A) PERMANENT LAWIO CARDS FOR SSM PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY LAWIO AND DELIVERED TO BASE CAMP. CARDS WILL BE HELD BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER WHEN NOT IN USE.

B) SFM RECEIVED A LETTER THIS WEEK FROM COLONEL LEVINSON WHICH CONFIRMED THAT IDF WILL PAY ALL RENTAL CHARGES ON THE TEL AVIV TELEPHONE LINE AND THAT SFM WILL ONLY BE RESP-

EIBLE FOR USAGE CHARGES.

WE ARE FOLLOWING UP WITH LEVINSON OUR REQUEST THAT WATER BE PROVIDED TO THE BASE CAMP FREE OF CHARGE.

C) SFM RECEIVED AN ESTIMATE FROM LOCAL ARTISAN IN CAIRO FOR SECURITY GRILLWORK FOR SAFEROOM IN CAIRO RESIDENCE. ESTIMATE WAS PREPARED UNDER SUPERVISION OF CAIRO RSO AND GENERAL SERVICES SECTION. ESTIMATE TOTALLED APPROXIMATELY \$500. SFM HAS AUTHORIZED EMBASSY TO PROCEED WITH WORK.

D) POST HAS STILL NOT RECEIVED ANY WORK ON ONGOING ASSIGNMENT
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FOR JIN SHEPARD. SHEPARD IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 31 AND HE IS ANXIOUS TO LEAVE ON SCHEDULE. WOULD APPRECIATE SSM'S INTERVENTION TO FACILITATE ISSUANCE OF TRAVEL ORDERS SOONEST.

E) DR. JOHN BERRY, RMO BASED IN CAIRO, VISITED SFM AUGUST 16-17. HE MET WITH SFM DIRECTOR, E-SY ACTING PROJECT MANAGER, AND PARAMEDICS. HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE QUALITY OF MEDICAL CARE AT SFM. DR. BERRY CONCENTRATED ON PREVENTATIVE MEDICAL PROBLEMS, I.E. PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS, MEDICAL CLEARANCES, ETC., IN HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH E-SYSTEMS. HE PROMISED THAT HE WOULD PROVIDE THEM WITH THE BASIC STANDARDS USED IN EXAMINATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND EMPHASIZED THE PROBLEMS THAT PARAMEDICS HAD TO DEAL WITH IN CERTAIN CHRONIC ILLNESSES. HE POINTED OUT THAT DOCTORS IN TEL AVIV AND/OR GREENVILLE WHO WERE NOT FAMILIAR WITH CONDITIONS AT SFM MIGHT NOT BE ADEQUATELY EQUIPPED TO MAKE A DECISION ON MEDICAL CLEARANCES. HE PLANS TO VISIT SFM ABOUT EVERY TWO MONTHS.
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